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Jacksonville
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Dr Engelmann

Dear Sir

I thought not presuma=
=by acquainted with you,
I take the liberty to
write you a few lines,
Hoping I do not intrude
to much by doing so
Nearly two years ago
I received through the
kindness of a friend in
your City (St. John,
Grier Since dead) a lot
of seeds of the family
Cactaceae, some 40 Var
ieties, mostly Mammill=
=aria. I have been quite
successful in growing

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them, and now I have some very fine seedling plants, 2 years old. Mr. Grieve told me the seeds came from you, and I hear from a friend in your City that his collection of seedling plants were in your possession. And as I promised him (that is Mr. Grieve) if I was successful in growing them that he should have any he might want of them. And it would now give me pleasure to send you ~~to your~~ some of these plants. I have near 300 of these seedlings also a fine lot of Cereus, gigantea, raised from seed last year. My collection of Cacti at present is near 3,000 varieties

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and I have a small
Green House devoted to
nothing else. All through
this winter I have had a
fine show of Ephiphy=
=llums in bloom and
shall soon have some
fine Cereus plants in full
flower,

The mode I took with
the Seeds Mr Grieve gave
me was this

I took a box of suitable
size and filled it nearly
full of the finest leaf
mould, pressed it light=
=ly, and then divided it
into the requisite number
of divisions. planting each
variety in its seperate
square, merely keeping
the seeds below the surface

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and then covering the whole
bof up close with glass and
placing it in the hotest
place in the Green House
subject to a temperature
of a 100° to a 110° Fahr".

By this mode I have
caused seeds to germin-
ate that there was hardly
any hopes of, any other way
These Cacti Seeds were all
up in from 4 to 6 days
after this treatment, and
by being carefull in water-
ing them, I have lost
but few plants

Let me know how I
shall send them and
to whose care

Yours Respectfully
John, C, Thorp

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May 27/

Dr Geo, Engelmann

Sir

I send you per mail
a few flowers of Yucca
= lis Salicornioides.
Just steam in salt &
Water and they will open
in a few hours.

The plant they are taken
= n from is some 7 or 8
years old and has bloomed
well the last 3 years
I have a theory that
will be in flower in
a week or two, when it
comes in bloom will send
you flower and part of

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the plant, so that I
may find out what its
proper name is,

Yours Respectfully
J. C. Andrews

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Dr. G. Engelmann

Dear Sir

Your letter of the
10th of February was received
by me to day, on my return
from Chicago.

I still cultivate Cacti, and
will be thankfull for any seeds
you can send me, and if succes
=full in growing them, They are at
your sevice. I have some nice
plants of Cereus gigantus raised from
seed, if you would like I can send
you.

Since 1863 I have been a
year in England and spent a
good part of my leisure time
in Kew Gardens. I dont know

in all my travels as fine a
collection of exotic plants.
the great Palm House dome
70 feet high filled with its
tropical growth of Palms and
other equatorial Plants is far
finer than I thought could be
produced in a country where
the Sun gives so little light
compared with their native
country, of Cacti the collection
is poor, there is a better and more
carefully taken care of collection
in the Botanical Gardens of the
city of Glasgow, Scotland.

With thanks for your kind
recollection of me I remain
Yours Truly
John C. Adams

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